



CHILDREN'S VOICE

WAUKESHA COUNTY'S CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAM MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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We would love your feedback!

The Children with Special Needs Program would like your feedback in regards to our newsletter! Please email Mardy Juhl, CSN Supervisor at: mjuhl@waukeshacounty.gov

Also, previous newsletters can be found at the bottom of the webpage here:

<https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/HealthAndHumanServices/child-and-family-services/>

All in for Kids: Birth to 3 Program Family Newsletter to keep you and your family informed about the services available through the Birth to 3 Program. The newsletter is published by the Wisconsin Department of Health Service.

All in For Kids: Empowering Families Through the Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program Newsletter is created to keep you and your family informed about the supports and services available through the CLTS Waiver Program.

Trainings

WI FACETS has over 100 free workshops scheduled for families of children with disabilities and those who support them. Registration is required: www.wifacets.org/events, or call 877-374-0511.

Compassion Resilience - Self Care Snapshot Series: Recognizing Fatigue Monday, January 11, 2021 from 12:00pm to 12:30pm.



DEAR ARDY,

Things are going really well with my two kids that are on the waiver program. Our family is so busy, and I really don't think I need anything from my service coordinator, but why does my service coordinator reach out to me each month?

Sincerely,

Bea Busy

Dear Bea,

Service Coordinators need to hear from parents/guardians at least on a monthly basis to get an idea of any health and safety issues. Also, your service coordinator is concerned about your family and it is great for him/her to get a general health update on a monthly basis. If there are changes in your child's physical, developmental, or emotional health, your service coordinator should be updated right away. You can call, email, or set up a time to meet (service coordination can be made either face-to-face or remotely) with your service coordinator at any point, but expect that your service coordinator will contact you at least on a monthly basis because we care about your child/children.

Best to you,
Ardy



We are making a change to the Children's Community Options Program (CCOP) purchases

What is CCOP you ask?

CCOP provides flexible funding and service coordination to support families who need assistance caring for their child with long-term support needs. The program aims to identify potential supports to promote the child's inclusion in family activities and community settings. Funding can be used for a range of different supports and services that assist the family in successfully caring for their child at home. Services are based on an individualized assessment and a service plan that are completed by a local service coordinator working in partnership with the family.

The SSAC committee is to vote how CCOP funds are to be managed in 2021. Results from this survey will take place prior to February 1, 2021. More to come on this in February's Newsletter.

What is SSAC you ask, and how can you get involved?

The mission of the Special Services Advisory Committee is to promote an understanding of the unique needs that families face while caring for a child with a developmental, physical, or mental health disability. It offers collaborative opportunities between the program administrators, SSAC members, and parents on ways program implementation can be optimized for the benefit of families who are enrolled in Children with Special Needs programming. It includes resource sharing, networking, and educational components that seek to provide information on topics that affect children with disabilities.

SSAC is an open public forum held quarterly that anyone can attend. Get involved, and have your voice heard! The quarterly meetings are held from 12-1:30pm on the following dates in 2021: February 18th, May 20th, September 16th and November 18th.

Reminder: You can begin inquiring about CCOP purchases on February 1st. If you are curious if your purchase is waiver allowable or CCOP, please reach out to your service coordinator.

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